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ANNUAL REPORT

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TOWN OFFICERS
OF

MASON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

For The Year Ending December 31

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT - 2002



Charles Buttrick, Bill Downs, David Morrison, and Robin Berry competed in the regional plow rally in Swanzev on September 19, 2002. This included classes in safety and vehicle inspection and maintenance, as well as guiding a plow truck through an obstacle course, and similar tasks for a front-end loader and backhoe. The team of Charles and Bill won the regional competition and went on to the state competition in Hopkinton on September 26th, 2002, which they also won. They are pictured here with their plaques. Left to right: Robin Berry, Charles Buttrick, Bill Downs, & David Morrison. Also pictured is Town's front-end loader. Pictures courtesy of the Mason Highway Department.

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Mason continues to grow rapidly along with the neighboring towns. This activity has increased the workload of the building inspector, the assessor, the planning board and the Administrative Assistant to the Selectmen.

The New Hampshire Department of Revenue has established a program of certification for the assessment procedures. Mason has been selected for 2003. A revaluation appears to be the safest and best way to prepare for the certification process. 1984 was the last time that the town went through a reval. Though this will be costly, we will be assured of passing the certification.

There always seem to be difficulties and tough problems to solve. Cease and Desist orders were issued for residing in campers. Please check the regulations for the use of campers on your property.

The Mascenic School District is fast out growing its facilities. The Superintendent of Schools established a Facilities Study Committee. Jenny Scholl was appointed to represent Mason on this committee.

The Selectmen held a ceremony to honor Kenneth B. Wilson for his 35 years as Building Inspector and Charlotte N. Hastings for her 20 years as Town Clerk/Tax Collector. Each was presented with a commemorative plaque. Thank you Ken and Charlotte for your jobs well done.

We are proud of the Highway Department crew who won First Place at the State Plow Rally and became State Champions. Congratulations to David Morrison, Charles Buttrick and William Downs.

We thank Chief Barry Hutchins for his dedicated service of three years as Chief of Police. Some of his accomplishments have been increased visibility for the Police Department and professionalism in handling of department and town affairs.

The department heads have all worked well within their budgets, which was a difficult task given our present economy and inflation. Thank you for a great job well done. Thanks are also extended to all our volunteers on the appointed Boards and Committees.

Barbara Milkovits, our Administrative Assistant, continues to run the Selectmen's office in a professional and efficient manner. The new copier and fax machine provide great value in the day to day office activities.

We extend our thanks to the Wolf Rockers Square Dance club for the care they give the Town Hall, for the new tables and chairs, the American and State Flags with standards and also the refinishing of the hall floor.

At this time with the threat of war overseas and fear of terrorist attacks here at home in our country, we are all need to be watchful and pray for peace throughout the world. We extend a thank you to all the men and women in the armed service for protecting us.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Richards, Kenneth Greene, Wolfgang Millbrandt

TOWN OFFICE HOURS AND MEETINGS

SELECTMEN

Office Hours: Mann House, 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Meetings: Mann House, 7:30 P.M.
Second and Fourth Tuesday of the month.

Telephone: 878-2070

TOWN CLERK

Office Hours: Mann House, Tuesday 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.
Thursday 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon
Thursday Evening 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Telephone: 878-2070

PLANNING BOARD

Meetings: Mann House, 7:30 P.M.
Last Wednesday of the month

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Office Hours: Mann House, 7:00 P.M.
Every Tuesday
By Appointment

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Meetings: Mann House, 7:30 P.M.
Third Monday of the month

WILTON RECYCLING CENTER HOURS

Hours: Tuesday 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
Thursday 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.
Saturday 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
Sunday 8:00 A.M. to Noon



ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR 2 yr term

Catherine Schwenk	March 2004
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TOWN CLERK 3 yr term

Charlotte N. Hastings	March 2005
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DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

Carolyn L. Place, Appointed	March 2005
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TREASURER 3 yr term

Susan Wagoner	March 2005
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DEPUTY TREASURER

Maria Eaton, Appointed	March 2005
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SELECTMEN 3 yr term

Anne Richards, Chairman	March 2005
Kenneth Greene	March 2003
Wolfgang Millbrandt	March 2004

TAX COLLECTOR 3 yr term

Charlotte N. Hastings	March 2005
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DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR

Carolyn Place, Appointed	March 2005
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AUDITOR 1 yr term

Patricia A. Greene	March 2003
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SUPERVISORS OF CHECK LIST 6 yr term

Karen Chemello, Chairman	March 2004
Sandra LeClair	March 2006
Joan Losee	March 2008

LIBRARY TRUSTEES 3 yr term

Judith A. Forty, resigned	March 2004
Jenny Scholl, Appointed	March 2003
Lynn McCann	March 2003
Linda Lamy	March 2005

TRUSTEES OF CEMETERIES 3 yr term

Robert Larochelle	March 2003
Wallace A. Brown	March 2004
Arthur Rafter	March 2005

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS 3 yr term

Rev. Robert Robb	March 2005
George Schwenk	March 2003

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Irene Cook, Chairman	March 2005
Robert Larochelle	March 2005
Gretchen West	March 2003
David Profit	March 2005

PLANNING BOARD

Dorothy Millbrandt, Chairman	March 2003
Bruce Mann	March 2004
William Downs, Alternate	March 2005
Pamela Lassen, Alternate	March 2003
Mark McDonald	March 2005
C. Christopher Guiry	March 2004
Wolfgang Millbrandt, Ex-officio	

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Mary McDonald, Chairman	March 2004
Michael Davieau	March 2004
Robert Bergeron	March 2004
Michael Dulong	March 2003
Ulysses Shields, Alternate	March 2003
Harry Harper, Alternate	March 2003

Anne Richards, Ex-officio

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Board of Selectmen

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Robert Larochelle, Chairman	March 2003
Anna Faiello	March 2005
Elizabeth Fletcher	March 2005
Marcia Osborn	March 2003
Charles Lanni	March 2003
Florence Roberts	March 2005
Stuart Sherman	March 2003

FORESTRY COMMITTEE

C. Christopher Guiry, Chairman	March 2004
Curtis Dunn	March 2003
Florence Roberts	March 2005
Eric Anderson	March 2005
William Downs, Town Forester	
Kenneth Greene, Ex-officio	

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Paula Babel, Chairman	March 2003
Wallace A. Brown	March 2004
Gretchen West, resigned	March 2005
Karen Lundstedt, resigned	March 2005

BALLOT CLERKS

Pauline Bergeron	March 2003
Rachel Petersen	March 2005

Teri Parker
Florence Wilson

March 2003
March 2004

POLICE OFFICERS

Barry G. Hutchins
Thomas E. Richardson
John Wagner
John LeBlanc, Sr.
Evelyn Mitchell

Police Chief
Patrolman
Patrolman
Part Time Police Officer
Part Time Police Officer

EMERGENCY SERVICES

David P. Cook
David Baker
Robert A. Bergeron
Fredrick W. Greenwood
Rodney Stedman
Roland Theriault
Philip Phalon Jr.
Anne Richards
Wallace Brown
Bernard O'Grady
Mark Richardson
Donna Richardson
Christopher Greenwood
Marcel Bernier
Steve Tamulonis
Kerri Greenwood
David Flannery
Matt Crehan
Rick Griffith
Stephen Hoffman
Evelyn F. Ellis
Robert G. Lipin
Steve Warshauer
Tom Whittier
Charles Williams
Deborah Stroh
Marta Casey
Cheryl Greenwood
John LeBlanc Sr.
Cindy Tibbetts
Jeff Partridge
Jeannine Phalon

Fire Chief/Warden/EMT-D
1ST Asst. Chief/Deputy Warden/FirstResponder
2nd Asst. Chief/Deputy Warden
Captain/Deputy Warden/First Responder
1ST Lieutenant/Deputy Warden/FirstResponder
2nd Lieutenant/Deputy Warden
2nd Lieutenant/Deputy Warden/FirstResponder
Firefighter
Firefighter/Deputy Warden
Firefighter
Firefighter
Firefighter/EMT-D
Firefighter
Firefighter
Firefighter
Firefighter
Firefighter/EMT-I
Firefighter
Firefighter/EMT-I
Firefighter
Firefighter
Firefighter
Firefighter
Firefighter/EMT-P
Firefighter
EMS Coordinator/EMT-D
EMT-D
EMT-I
EMT-D
First Responder

David P. Cook
Kenneth B. Wilson
Lynn McCann
Kenneth B. Wilson

ROAD AGENT
BUILDING INSPECTOR/DEPUTY HEALTH OFFICER
HEALTH OFFICER
HOUSE NUMBERING AGENT

MASON TOWN WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

The polls will be open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM. at: Mason Town Hall.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Mason, in the County of Hillsborough, in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to come to the polling place at the Town Hall in Mason at 7:00 AM on Tuesday, the 11th day of March, 2003 for the election of Town officers pursuant to Article 1 of this Warrant, bringing in your ballots for the following:

Selectman	3 years
Auditor	1 year
Library Trustee	1 year
Library Trustee	3 years
Trustee of Cemeteries	3 years
Trustee of Trust Funds	3 years
Trustee of the Trust Funds	1 year

The polls will be open continuously until 8:00 PM when they shall close. You are hereby notified also to meet at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, the 12th day of March, 2003, and at the same place to act upon Articles of this Warrant.

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing terms.
2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine hundred sixty-six thousand forty-seven dollars (\$966,047) which represents the operating budget. Said sum is exclusive of all Special or Individual Articles addressed.
3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) for reconstructing Meetinghouse Hill Road and authorize the withdrawal of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) from the Capital Reserve created for that purpose of reconstructing paved roads. The balance of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) is to come from general taxation. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).
4. To see if the Town will vote to ratify and affirm the authority of the Selectmen to enter into that five year lease agreement, for the purpose of leasing a dump truck equipped with combination sander/dump body and front plow and wing for the Highway Department, total cost of the new truck will be One hundred nine thousand one hundred seventy-seven dollars (\$109,177), and to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-one thousand eight hundred thirty-six dollars (\$21,836) for the first year's payment of the lease, or take any other action relative thereto. This lease agreement contains a fiscal funding escape clause. Recommended by Selectmen (2-1).
5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-three thousand dollars (\$33,000) to begin the site work for adding a Little League field at the Mason

Recreation Field, or take any other action relative thereto. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the field work is completed or by December 31, 2004. Recommended by Selectmen (2-1).

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty thousand five hundred dollars (\$30,500) for the purpose of a complete revaluation of the town and the purchase of assessing software and to authorize the withdrawal of three thousand three hundred dollars (\$3,300) from the Capital Reserve created for that purpose. The balance of Twenty-seven thousand two hundred dollars (\$27,200) is to come from general taxation, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (2-1).
7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept on behalf of the Town of Mason, a Conservation Easement from Charles W. Fifield, III on 539 acres of his land in Mason, included in parcels D-8, D-10 and D-37; and further to authorize the Town of Mason to accept funding from the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) in the amount of Fifty-seven thousand dollars (\$57,000) and to authorize the Town of Mason to grant Executory Interest in said Conservation Easement to the State of New Hampshire, acting through LCHIP authority. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).
8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to purchase new turnout gear for the Fire Department, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (2-1).
9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine thousand dollars (\$9,000) to re-side the fire station, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (2-1).
10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight thousand five hundred dollars (\$8,500) for the purchase of an OHRV, equipment and training for the Police Department, to be partially funded by the Conservation Commission fund for two thousand dollars (\$2,000) and by the Forestry Fund for two thousand dollars (\$2,000). The balance of Four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,500) is to come from general taxation. Recommended by Selectmen (2-1).
11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six thousand dollars (\$6,000) for the purchase of a new dump body for the old fire truck for the Highway Department and authorize the withdrawal of Six thousand dollars (\$6,000) from the Highway Capital Reserve Equipment Fund created for that purpose. Recommended by Selectmen (2-1).
12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for the purpose of engineering fees and test pits for a proposed new municipal building, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (2-1).
13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Library Building Capital Reserve Fund previously established, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (2-1).
14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500) for the following purposes: \$1,500 for the maintenance of the Mason Railroad Trail for recreation and forest fire protection purposes, \$1,000 for the planting and maintenance of trees on town property, and \$1,000 for the additional clearing

work on the field area on town owned Lot L-36, or take any other action relative thereto. Such funds will come from the Forest Maintenance Fund, previously established for that purpose. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) for the purchase of a new Cub Cadet mower for the maintenance of the Town's cemeteries and common, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (2-1).
16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) for the purpose of painting the Town Hall, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (2-1).
17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for the purpose of a personnel classification study to be conducted by the New Hampshire Municipal Association, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (2-1).
18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine hundred fifty dollars (\$950) for the purchase of a database for the Police Department, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (2-1).
19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three hundred thirty-three dollars and thirty-four cents (\$333.34) to be added to the Cemetery Land Improvement Trust Fund previously established and to authorize the use/transfer from December 31, 2002 Fund balance of that amount received from the 2002 sale of cemetery lots for this purpose. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).
20. To see if the Town wishes to amend the existing agreement under Section 218 of the Social Security Act by excluding the services performed by election workers for a calendar year in which the remuneration paid for such service is less than \$1,200. The \$1,200 limit on the excludable amount of remuneration paid in a calendar year for the services specified in this modification will be subject to adjustment for calendar years after 2002 to reflect changes in wages in the economy without any further modification of the agreement, with respect to such services performed during such calendar years, in accordance with Section 218 ©(8)(B) of the Social Security Act. Recommended by Selectmen (2-1).
21. To see if the Town will vote to consider **The Health Care for New Hampshire Resolution** to ensure that:
 - **Everyone, including the self-employed, unemployed, un-and underinsured, and small business owners has access to an affordable basic health plan similar to what federal employees receive;**
 - **Everyone, including employers, consumers, and the state, local and federal government makes a responsible and fair contribution to finance the health care system;**
 - **Everyone receives high quality care that is cost efficient and medically effective; and**
 - **That these efforts help control the skyrocketing cost of health care.**(Petitioned Warrant Article)
22. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and the Road Agent to sell or dispose of surplus equipment from the Highway Department, or take any other action

relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).

23. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and the Fire Chief to sell or dispose of surplus equipment from the Fire Department, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).
24. To see if the Town will vote to withdraw from the Mascenic Regional School District in accordance with RSA 195:25, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).

2/26/03	2000	2001	2002	2003	Change
APPROPRIATIONS	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	03/'02
Town Officers' Salaries					
Selectmen	2,925	2,925	2,925	2,925	
Town Clerk	550	550	550	550	
Treasurer	550	550	550	550	
Auditor	300	300	300	300	
Moderator	500	500	400	400	
	4,825	4,825	4,725	4,725	-6%
Fees in Lieu of Salaries					
Tax Collector	7,250	6,615	7,250	7,250	
Town Clerk	3,000	7,234	7,788	7,000	
	10,250	13,849	10,250	14,392	0%
Administration					
Administrative Asst	22,150	22,145	23,373	24,440	
Part-time Assistant			26	2,000	
Payroll taxes	3,500	3,053	3,191	3,675	
Workers comp.	600	243	207	350	
Advertising	125	119	106	125	
Bank service charges	150	0	0	100	
Association dues	55	40	40	55	
State Dog Fees	0	707	0	883	
Conferences	800	367	600	84	
Computer services	1,950	2,072	2,323	2,452	
Mileage	225	62	74	24	
Contingency	200	133	200	242	
Postage	1,200	965	1,058	1,172	
Registry fees	250	280	221	350	
Repairs & maintenance	250	0	115	75	
Retirement Ins	1,100	1,072	1,118	1,196	
Office supplies	1,700	1,415	1,413	2,126	
Telephone	700	641	650	725	
Town reports	950	941	1,134	1,191	
	35,905	34,256	38,849	40,546	5%
Cemetery Expenses					
Cemetery maintenance	1,500	1,928	1,500	3,628	
Cemetery salaries	8,250	7,916	9,451	5,446	
Payroll taxes	630	582	716	417	
Workers comp.	750	494	355	493	
	11,130	10,920	11,150	9,984	-4%

2/26/03	2000	2000	2001	2001	2002	2002	2003	Change
APPROPRIATIONS	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	03/'02
Reappraisal of Property								
Assessing	2,750	2,360	2,750	2,570	2,750	2,783	2,750	
Tax map update	485	485	550	550	550	550	600	
	3,235	2,845	3,300	3,120	3,300	3,333	3,350	2%
Town Building Expenses								
Custodian salaries	3,800	4,275	6,630	5,572	6,630	6,630	6,630	
Supplies	125	28	100	88	100	169	150	
Heat	2,000	4,143	4,000	3,353	4,000	2,936	4,000	
Electricity	2,100	2,049	2,100	1,896	2,100	1,738	2,000	
Repairs & maintenance	3,500	3,715	4,000	4,763	4,000	3,027	6,500	
	11,525	14,210	16,830	15,671	16,830	14,500	19,280	15%
Employment/Insurance Expenses								
Accident Insurance	3,660	3,747	4,200	3,381	4,200	3,267	4,200	
Health & Dental Insurance	36,365	36,087	56,360	51,350	83,150	76,728	82,778	
Unemployment taxes	750	701	300	324	375	288	273	
Liability insurance	20,000	16,028	18,500	15,002	19,000	17,630	19,000	
	60,775	56,563	79,360	70,057	106,725	97,913	106,251	0%
*Health & Dental Insurance now includes all health insurance for employees.								
Planning & Zoning								
Salaries	0	146	0	0	0	0	0	
Payroll taxes	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	
Advertising	150	387	150	650	600	458	600	
Training	80	135	80	10	80	110	80	
Board of Adjustment	894	573	960	293	945	197	945	
Historic District Commission	300	56	110	43	110	76	110	
SW Reg.Planning/Consulting	2,857	2,857	3,844	3,144	3,662	3,662	3,696	
Supplies	50	53	50	0	50	0	50	
Postage	150	218	150	378	400	467	400	
	4,481	4,437	5,344	4,519	5,847	4,970	5,881	1%
Building Inspection								
Bldg inspector-fees	1,000	2,195	2,000	2,616	2,500	3,443	2,500	
Payroll taxes	77	168	153	200	192	246	192	
Expenses	300	95	300	215	300	307	300	
	1,377	2,458	2,453	3,031	2,992	3,996	2,992	0%
Health & Welfare								
Health officer	25	0	25	0	25	0	25	
Animal control	2,000	2,378	2,000	1,408	1,000	95	1,000	

2/26/03	2000	2000	2001	2001	2002	2002	2002	2003	Change
APPROPRIATIONS	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	03/'02
Town poor	2,000	0	2,000	0	2,000	0	2,000	2,000	
Visiting nurse	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	0%
Ambulance	5,525	3,878	5,525	2,908	4,525	1,595	4,525	4,525	0%
Ambulance Service Fee	3,675	3,675	3,860	3,859	3,859	3,859	3,859	4,052	
Supplies	1,000	1,275	1,000	86	1,200	916	1,200	1,200	
Training	1,200	883	1,200	657	1,400	793	1,400	1,400	
	5,875	5,833	6,060	4,602	6,459	5,568	6,459	6,459	3%
Library									
Library salaries	20,313	19,066	21,690	21,002	22,490	22,457	25,325	25,325	
Payroll taxes	1,554	1,472	1,659	1,607	1,720	1,718	1,937	1,937	
Worker's Comp.	65	63	55	49	70	60	36	36	
Dues, fees & educ	1,000	845	1,000	840	1,150	585	1,150	1,150	
Postage	75	75	75	75	200	200	200	200	
Programming	125	84	140	78	140	139	150	150	
Supplies	400	409	400	405	400	407	400	400	
Telephone	1,200	1,197	1,250	1,217	1,250	1,216	1,250	1,250	
Travel	230	248	230	235	250	260	250	250	
Books	2,800	2,802	2,800	2,869	2,800	2,799	2,900	2,900	
	27,762	26,260	29,299	28,377	30,470	29,841	33,598	33,598	10%
Parks & Recreation									
Parks maintenance	1,765	1,584	1,765	1,226	1,715	1,437	1,715	1,715	
Toilet facilities	300	375	300	383	350	200	350	350	
Activities/Rec day	527	438	527	400	527	525	525	525	
Patriotic purposes	300	228	300	256	300	349	300	300	
Electricity	240	120	120	98	120	165	120	120	
	3,132	2,744	3,012	2,361	3,012	2,676	3,012	3,012	0%
Street lighting									
	1,000	955	1,000	835	1,000	799	1,000	1,000	0%
Town Common									
Town common maintenance	4,000	4,598	4,500	4,728	4,500	2,942	4,500	4,500	
Payroll taxes	306	324	345	318	345	194	345	345	
Worker's Comp	800	737	600	369	600	493	270	270	
	5,106	5,659	5,445	5,415	5,445	3,629	5,115	5,115	-6%
Water Hole									
Water hole & dry hyd	500	0	500	0	500	0	500	500	0%

2/26/03		2000	2000	2001	2001	2002	2002	2003	Change
APPROPRIATIONS		Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	03/'02
Oil - sealing		19,000	19,161	19,000	19,090	19,000	16,214	20,000	
Subdivision Paving Project					4,000		4,000		
Reimbrs. Subdivision Paving Project					0				
Patch		2,000	2,174	2,000	2,840	2,000	444	2,000	
Salt		4,500	3,943	4,500	4,709	5,500	8,840	6,500	
FEMA Reimb. Salt									
Tractor rental		100	0	100	0	0	0	0	
Truck rentals		100	0	100	0	0	0	0	
Plowing		11,000	7,473	12,000	8,927	12,000	5,688	12,000	
FEMA Reimb. Plowing									
Insurance Settlement			-7,409						
Expenditures against insurance settlement			7,409						
Signs & Rewards		1,000	531	1,000	956	1,000	1,139	1,200	
Highway Dept. Expenses		267,172	259,044	272,029	256,475	285,921	267,988	303,243	6%
Building maintenance		5,000	3,549	5,000	6,407	5,500	4,454	5,500	
Chains		500	482	500	225	500	316	500	
Chainsaw repairs		600	503	600	16	500	391	600	
FEMA Reimb Chainsaw Repairs									
Dues, education and misc		900	603	950	1,350	1,200	572	1,400	
Edges for plows & graders		1,500	1,406	2,000	2,404	2,500	1,852	2,500	
Electricity		2,000	1,935	2,200	1,796	2,200	1,788	2,200	
Equipment maintenance		18,500	16,660	24,000	26,628	24,000	24,408	26,000	
FEMA Reimb. Equip. Maint.					-2,500				
Fuel		13,000	12,544	18,200	17,980	18,000	15,689	19,000	
FEMA Reimb. Fuel									
Radios		1,200	1,220	1,200	1,402	1,200	1,687	1,400	
Telephone		1,000	958	1,200	908	1,200	1,053	1,200	
Tires		2,500	2,716	2,500	2,599	2,500	1,834	2,500	
FEMA Reimb. Tires									
Safety equipment		1,700	1,578	1,700	1,359	1,700	846	1,700	
Tools		1,500	807	1,500	464	1,500	1,249	1,500	
Welding supplies		500	479	750	718	750	806	850	
Subtotal		50,400	45,440	62,300	61,756	63,350	56,945	66,850	6%
Total Highway Expenses		317,572	304,484	334,329	318,231	349,271	324,933	370,093	6%

2/26/03	2000	2000	2001	2001	2002	2002	2002	2003	Change
APPROPRIATIONS	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	03/'02
Police Department									
Fulltime Salaries	71,437	66,206	83,780	83,378	104,250	103,761		111,428	
Part Time Officers	35,000	38,348	24,376	13,906	19,096	13,935		19,096	
Overtime			5,400	7,067	6,400	8,503		7,400	
Payroll taxes	3,270	3,917	3,158	2,420	3,090	2,778		3,184	
Detail Expense			300	2,025	300	540		1	
Reimb. Detail Expense				-1,814					
Workers comp.	4,000	3,927	2,575	2,125	2,575	2,507		2,063	
Retirement	3,150	3,787	5,193	4,743	6,127	4,970		7,730	
Court ordered restitution		231							
Conventions & dues	300	300	300	345	300	100		300	
Cruiser Lease	8,760	8,744	8,760	8,744	8,760	8,744		15,702	
Cruiser fuel	3,000	3,689	4,500	3,763	4,500	4,839		4,500	
Cruiser maintenance	2,550	2,465	4,000	3,777	4,000	3,595		4,000	
Office expenses	3,250	3,551	3,250	3,151	3,250	3,831		3,500	
Training	2,050	1,922	2,500	902	2,500	2,024		2,500	
Uniforms	1,500	1,858	2,000	2,448	2,000	1,181		2,000	
Equipment & maintenance	1,550	1,419	2,000	2,028	2,000	1,827		2,000	
Film Development	500	41	500	16	500	500		500	
Total Police Department	140,317	140,405	152,592	139,024	169,648	163,635		185,904	10%
Fire Department									
Fire Chief's salary	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500		1,500	
Other Stipends	5,750	5,875	6,550	6,550	6,550	6,550		6,550	
Workers comp.	990	737	600	405	600	635		357	
Utilities	3,000	2,822	3,000	2,514	3,000	2,193		3,000	
Telephone	1,200	672	1,200	888	1,200	945		1,200	
Radio repair	1,000	769	1,000	2,134	1,200	1,323		1,400	
Fuel	750	849	750	836	850	636		850	
Code books	200	67	200	133	200	186		200	
Training	2,000	2,045	2,000	1,327	2,000	1,328		2,000	
Equipment & Maint	4,200	4,407	4,200	4,299	4,700	4,599		5,000	
Fire equipment expense		10,000							
Bid maintenance	2,000	2,573	2,000	1,652	2,000	1,736		2,400	
Officers expenses/Dues	1,400	1,285	1,400	1,309	1,400	1,276		1,400	
Insurance	250	0	250	272	250	0		250	
Vehicle maintenance	4,000	3,603	4,000	4,602	4,000	3,597		4,000	
Expendables	350	405	350	244	350	392		500	
Hepatitis Vaccine Program	300	0	300	43	300	508		300	
Subtotal	28,890	37,610	29,300	28,708	30,100	27,404		30,907	3%

2/26/03	APPROPRIATIONS										Change
	2000 Budget	2000 Actual	2001 Budget	2001 Actual	2002 Budget	2002 Actual	2003 Budget	03/'02			
Fire truck bond principal	16,213	16,213	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000				
Fire truck bond interest	10,298	10,298	8,950	8,950	8,050	8,050	7,050				
Total Fire Dept.	55,401	64,121	58,250	57,658	58,150	55,454	57,957				0%
Interest Tax Notes	35,000	31,350	33,000	30,978	14,000	13,294	14,000				0%
Abatements & Refunds	12,260	12,260	851	851							
Total Appropriations	822,423	829,587	873,013	840,322	912,220	884,854	966,047				6%
Increase over prior year			6.15%		4.49%		5.90%				
Total Budget Proposed	831,281		866,713		923,020		966,047				5%
Total Budget Voted	822,423		873,013		912,220						
Warrant Articles '01											
01#3 Highway Improvement	60,000	60,000									
01#4 Highway Pickup	10,000	9,929									
01#5 Highway Cap. Reserve	0	0									
01#6 Highway Cath. Protection	3,000	3,000									
01#7 Fire Dept. Windows	3,300	3,300									
01#8 Police Computer	1,500	1,491									
01#9 Police Vests	1,500	1,500									
01#10 Municipal Building	5,000	5,000									
01#11 Library Cap. Reserve	5,000	5,000									
01#12 Forestry Committee	3,500	3,500									
01#13 Basketball Fund	657	657									
01#14 Transfer to Hwy. Cap. Res.	50	50									
01#15 Cemetery Lot Sales	133	133									
Warrant Articles '02	93,640	93,560									
02#3 Hwy. Paved Roads Cap. Reser	35,000	35,000									
02#4 Highway Cap. Reserve	25,000	0									
02#5 Fuel Tanks	27,000	27,000									
02#6 Police Cruiser Lease & Equip	14,308	14,308									
02#7 Replace Fire Pump	8,000	8,000									
02#8 Library Cap. Reserve	5,000	5,000									
02#9 Copier	1,700	1,700									

2/26/03	2000 Budget	2000 Actual	2001 Budget	2001 Actual	2002 Budget	2002 Actual	2003 Budget	Change 03/'02
APPROPRIATIONS								
02#10 Master Plan Expense	1,500	1,500						
02#11 Transfer to Hwy Cap. Reserv	651	651	Fund Balance					
02#12 Cemetery Lot Sales	233	233	Fund Balance					
	118,392	93,392						
Warrant Articles '03								
03#3 Hwy. Reconstruct Roads	75,000							
03#4 Dump Truck Lease	21,836							
03#5 Little League Field	33,000							
03#6 Revaluation	30,500							
03#7 Conservation Easement	57,000							
03#8 Turnout Gear Fire Department	10,000							
03#9 Re-side Fire Station	9,000							
03#10 OHRV, Equip for P.D.	8,500							
03#11 Dump Body	6,000							
03#12 Municipal Bldg. Fees	5,000							
03#13 Library Cap. Reserve	5,000							
03#14 RR Trail Maint, etc.	3,500							
03#15 Cub Cadet Mower	2,500							
03#16 Paint Town Hall	2,500							
03#17 Personnel Classification	2,000							
03#18 Police Database	950							
03#19 Cemetery Lot Sales	333							
	272,619							
SUMMARY								
Town Assessments								
Total Appropriations	831,281		866,713	873,013	912,220	884,854	966,047	6%
Total Warrants			118,907	93,560	118,392	93,392	272,619	130%
Less Revenues	350,069		296,853	394,861	294,882	462,949	439,250	49%
Expenses less Revenues	481,212		688,767	571,712	735,730	515,297	799,416	9%
Other Assessments								
School District Assessment	783,360	791,642	791,642	893,688	893,688	998,211	998,211	12%
Hillsborough County	124,670	123,295	123,295	141,165	146,893	146,893	146,893	0%
	1,389,242	1,514,427	1,603,704	1,606,585	1,776,311	1,660,401	1,944,520	
Total Taxation								
	46,499,677	47,621,027	47,621,027	48,922,774	48,922,774	50,383,057	50,383,057	
Valuation(total - exemptions)								

TOWN OF MASON

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Fund Balance

For the year ended December 31, 2002

REVENUES:	2002	2001	2000
Highway Block Grant	58,198	58,613	56,401
Shared revenue	12,006	12,078	12,078
Other state grants	583	613	18,919
Property taxes	1,747,122	1,620,105	1,514,427
Yield taxes	6,145	26,709	24,056
Excavating taxes	0	0	6
Land use change taxes	22,297	13,800	8,900
Motor vehicle fees	203,720	189,888	170,693
Penalties and interest	13,517	9,754	9,573
Licenses and permits	8,884	9,172	6,620
Interest income	13,149	29,338	45,249
Dog licenses	3,135	2,761	3,357
Court ordered restitution	740	0	273
Detail Payments	518	1,814	
Rooms & Meals Tax	33,578	29,885	29,983
Conservation Commission	7,087	501	0
Forestry Committee	1,689	0	2,489
FEMA Funds	717	4,473	
Donations (Memorial & Other)	505	150	657
Other	10,899	34,194	29,814
Total revenues	2,144,487	2,043,848	1,933,493
EXPENDITURES:			
General government	190,985	117,335	119,665
Cemeteries	9,983	11,180	10,920
Public safety	232,848	224,871	221,215
Highways	387,733	416,224	452,977
Sanitation	36,354	45,932	51,724
Health & Welfare	7,163	2,908	9,711
Education	998,211	893,688	791,642
Culture and recreation	71,068	61,612	47,920
Debt service	41,344	59,928	57,861
County taxes	146,893	141,165	123,295
Total expenditures	2,122,582	1,974,843	1,886,930
Excess (deficit) of revenues over expenditures	21,905	69,005	46,563
Other financing sources:			
Interfund transfers	1,500	1,500	31,500
Unexpended encumbrances	7,227	0	0
	8,727	1,500	31,500
Excess (deficit) of revenues and other financing sources over expenditures and other financing us	30,632	70,505	78,063
Fund balance beginning	398,324	327,819	249,756
Fund balance ending	428,956	398,324	327,819

TOWN OF MASON

Combined Balance Sheet

At December 31, 2002

ASSETS	General Fund	Capital Reserves	Trust Funds	Consrv Comm	Forestry Committee	All Funds
Cash	\$780,016	\$86,415	\$164,383	\$43,411	\$65,897	\$1,140,121
Debit Memo	0					\$0
Deeded property	31,642					\$31,642
Unredeemed taxes	16,490					\$16,490
Uncollected taxes	107,918					\$107,918
Total assets	\$936,066	\$86,415	\$164,383	\$43,411	\$65,897	\$1,296,172

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

Accounts Payable	\$0					0
Escrow funds	0					0
Encumbrances	7,999					7,999
Payroll taxes payable	5					5
Due to schools	499,105					499,105
Total liabilities	507,110	0	0	0	0	507,110

Fund balances	428,956	86,415	164,383	43,411	65,897	789,062
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$936,066	\$86,415	\$154,497	\$43,411	\$65,897	\$1,296,172

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand, January 1, 2002	669,328
Cash receipts:	
Town Clerk	207,395
Tax Collector	1,795,597
Selectmen	296,442
Interest income Bank of NH	818
Interest income Fleet	229
Interest income NHPDIP	2,196
Interest income Bank of NH PoolPlus	9,905
Tax Anticipation Loans	800,000
Total cash available	3,781,910
Selectmen's orders paid	1,812,475
Payroll disbursements	376,125
Tax anticipation loans repaid	800,000
Interest on tax anticipation loan	13,294
Total monies paid out	3,001,894
Cash on hand, December 31, 2002	780,016

Susan Wagoner Treasurer

TOWN OF MASON BONDS

Principal Muni Bond

Period	Outstanding	Principal	Coupon	Interest	Total Debt Service	Fiscal Debt Service
15-Feb-00			4.50%	5458.21	5458.21	
15-Aug-00	196,213	16,213	4.50%	4,839.70	21,052.79	26,511.00
15-Feb-01			4.50%	4,475.00	4,475.00	
15-Aug-01	180,000	20,000	4.50%	4,475.00	24,475.00	28,950.00
15-Feb-02			5.00%	4,025.00	4,025.00	
15-Aug-02	160,000	20,000	5.00%	4,025.00	24,025.00	28,050.00
15-Feb-03			5.00%	3,525.00	3,525.00	
15-Aug-03	140,000	20,000	5.00%	3,525.00	23,525.00	27,050.00
15-Feb-04			5.00%	3,025.00	3,025.00	
15-Aug-04	120,000	20,000	5.00%	3,025.00	23,025.00	26,050.00
15-Feb-05			5.00%	2,525.00	2,525.00	
15-Aug-05	100,000	20,000	5.00%	2,525.00	25,525.00	25,050.00
15-Feb-06			5.00%	2,025.00	2,025.00	
15-Aug-06	80,000	20,000	5.00%	2,025.00	22,525.00	24,050.00
15-Feb-07			5.00%	1,525.00	1,525.00	
15-Aug-07	60,000	20,000	5.00%	1,525.00	21,525.00	23,050.00
15-Feb-08			5.00%	1,025.00	1,025.00	
15-Aug-08	40,000	20,000	5.00%	1,025.00	21,025.00	22,050.00
15-Feb-09			5.00%	525	525	
15-Aug-09	20,000	20,000	5.25%	525	20,525.00	21,050.00
Totals		196,213		55,648.00	251,861.00	251,861.00

SUMMARY OF VALUATION

Improved & Unimproved Land	11,882,850
Assessed Value of Current Use Land	365,907
Conservation Restriction Assessment	1,150
Buildings (Mobile Homes Included)	36,923,550
Public Utilities (PSNH)	1,300,000
Valuations Before Exemptions	50,473,457

EXEMPTIONS

Elderly Exemptions	85,000
Solar Exemptions	5,400
	90,400

NET VALUE FOR TAX RATE	50,383,057
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NET VALUE FOR STATE EDUCATION TAX RATE (LESS UTILITIES)	49,083,057
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WAR SERVICE TAX CREDIT

Totally and permanently disabled veterans, their spouses or widows, and the widows of veterans who died or were killed in action.....	Limit	No.	Credits
	\$1,400	2	\$2,800
All Other Qualified Persons.....	\$100	52	\$5,200

2002 TAX RATE

Town	12.07
County	2.90
State Education	9.69
School	10.37
Total Rate	\$35.03

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

SUMMARY OF TAX ACCOUNTS

For the year ended December 31, 2002

	Levies of: 2002	Prior
Uncollected Taxes, Jan.1, 2002		
Property Taxes		\$118,686.42
Land Use Change Taxes		
Yield Taxes		
Taxes Committed to Collector:		
Property Taxes	\$1,747,121.64	
Land Use Change Taxes	22,296.80	
Yield Taxes	6,144.55	
Interest & fees	30.04	265.50
Returned Check Fees	25.00	25.00
Overpayments:		
Property Taxes	4,446.45	
Yield Taxes		
Interest & fees	23.22	679.88
Interest Collected On		
Delinquent Taxes	223.68	3,546.75
Costs Collected On		
Delinquent Taxes		
TOTAL DEBITS	\$1,780,311.38	\$123,203.55
Remitted To Treasurer During Year:		
Property Taxes	\$1,639,420.72	\$97,972.85
Land Use Change Taxes	6,144.55	
Yield Taxes	22,080.00	
Interest On Taxes	253.72	3,546.75
Costs		265.50
Overpayments - Taxes	4,446.45	
Overpayments - Interest	23.22	679.88
Conversion to Liens		20,713.57
Returned Check Fees	25.00	25.00
Abatements Allowed:		
Property and Land Use Taxes		
Yield Taxes		
Uncollected Taxes, Dec. 31, 2002		
Property Taxes	107,700.92	
Land Use Change Taxes	216.80	
Yield Taxes		
TOTAL CREDITS	\$1,780,311.38	\$123,203.55

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS

For the year ended December 31, 2002

	Tax Sale on Account of Levies of:		
	2001	2000	Prior
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes		\$18,618.06	\$13,726.98
Taxes Sold to Town	\$22,139.52		
Interest & Costs Collected	731.93	3,262.52	5,028.51
Overpayment			
TOTAL DEBITS	\$22,871.45	\$21,880.58	\$18,755.49

Remittances to Treasurer:

Redemptions	\$9,679.67	\$14,587.88	\$13,726.98
Interest & Cost	731.93	3,262.52	5,028.51
Overpayment			
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes			

Deeded to Town

Unredeemed Taxes Year	12,459.85	4,030.18	0.00
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TOTAL CREDITS	\$22,871.45	\$21,880.58	\$18,755.49
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TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Cash on hand January 1, 2002

\$50

Cash received:

Dog licenses	\$2,411
Automobile registrations	\$199,258
Title fees	\$646
Filing fees	\$6
Returned checks	\$175
Certified mail	\$4
State dog fees	\$724
Marriage licenses	\$304
Overpay	\$51
Municipal agent fees	\$3,816

Total cash received \$207,395

Cash remitted to Treasurer \$207,395

Cash on hand, December 31, 2002 \$50

Respectfully submitted,



Charlotte Hastings

Town Clerk and Tax Collector

REPORT OF THE MASON TRUST FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002

	PRINCIPAL		INTEREST			TOTAL		
	Beginning Balance	Fnds Created (Expended)	Ending Balance	Beginning Balance	Interest Earned	Receipts (Disburseals)	Ending Balance	Fund Balance
TRUST FUNDS								
Boynton School	\$11,063.07		\$11,063.07	\$12,040.35	\$993.22		\$12,733.57	\$23,796.64
Stearns School	\$10,469.36		\$10,469.36	\$13,805.98	\$419.85		\$14,225.83	\$24,695.19
Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$22,778.66	\$666.67	\$23,445.33	\$4,173.36	\$684.23	(\$1,500.00)	\$3,357.59	\$26,802.92
Cemetery Land Improvement	\$2,809.88	\$333.33	\$3,143.21	\$2,079.85	\$124.87		\$2,204.72	\$5,347.93
Ellen Augusta Worcester Wilson	\$25,000.00		\$25,000.00	\$18,661.69	\$1,047.62		\$19,709.31	\$44,709.31
Whitaker-Locke Library	\$10,808.07		\$10,808.07	\$565.98	\$263.34	(\$513.00)	\$316.32	\$11,124.39
Ephraim & Martha Lucindy Hildreth	\$9,966.62		\$9,966.62	\$5,436.67	\$266.82		\$5,703.49	\$15,670.11
Bassett Communications	\$10,000.00		\$10,000.00	\$176.87	\$629.85		\$806.72	\$10,806.72
Steinberg/Budrewicz Recreation	\$657.00	\$750.00	\$1,407.00	\$2.36	\$20.37		\$22.73	\$1,429.73
TOTAL TRUST FUNDS	\$103,552.66	\$1,750.00	\$105,302.66	\$57,396.09	\$3,697.19	(\$2,013.00)	\$59,080.28	\$164,382.94
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS								
Highway Capital Equipment	\$2,051.00		\$2,051.00	\$4,297.71	\$160.40		\$4,458.11	\$6,509.11
Town Reevaluation				\$3,190.03	\$123.35		\$3,313.38	\$3,313.38
Fire Equipment				\$2,673.04	\$90.22		\$2,763.26	\$2,763.26
Library Building	\$22,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$27,000.00	\$10,695.37	\$1,115.26		\$11,810.63	\$38,810.63
Highway Construction		\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00		\$18.57		\$18.57	\$35,018.57
TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS	\$24,051.00	\$40,000.00	\$64,051.00	\$20,856.15	\$1,507.80	\$0.00	\$22,363.95	\$86,414.95
TOTAL ALL FUNDS								
	\$127,603.66	\$41,750.00	\$169,353.66	\$78,252.24	\$5,204.99	(\$2,013.00)	\$81,444.23	\$250,797.89

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

George Schwenk
Reverend Robert Robb

MASON HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

The winter season 2001/2002 was relatively free of storms, however when fall arrived we were hit and hit hard. The storms came early and often. Our equipment was again severely taxed, some of it beyond the breaking point. Our 1984 dump truck needed major rear-end work. We were able to repair it with used parts and it is back on the road.

Our dirt roads were graded and sprayed with calcium chloride in the spring, before they became too dry to grade. We were able to touch up the dirt roads, throughout the summer with our front runner rake, as needed. With the increase of traffic, they regularly become rough and need more attention.

This year we were able to ditch and shim and chip seal all of our short pieces of paved roads, as well as the town parking lots. We continue to try and seal all of our paved roads on a regular schedule.

This year we were able to make some improvements to several locations on Campbell Mill Road. One area was near the intersection of Withee Brook Road, where some trees were removed and the hillside dug away to improve site distance. Another area was the corner below the Dunn farm, where we replaced a culvert, and removed a dirt and rock berm that again improved site distance and gave us more room for snow removal. Another area that was worked on was near Cook's corner, where a tree was removed and the drainage was improved. We plan to repave the inside of the corner when spring arrives.

This year we were able to convert the town's retired fire truck to replace a sander truck that was taken out of service due to rust problems. This is a heavy-duty chassis that should suit our needs for the near future.

In September 2002 two of our employees, Charles Buttrick and Bill Downs competed in the regional snow plow rally and won the competition. They then went on to the state finals and won that also, making them the state champions.

We again sent several of our members to schools that are offered to towns. These include safety classes, equipment operations, and drainage, to name a few.

Thanks to the citizens who assisted us during 2002. I need to thank the Highway Department employees for their help in maintaining a high level of service to the townspeople. And thanks to the other town departments that assisted us during the year.

Respectfully submitted,
David P. Cook
Road Agent

REPORT of the PLANNING BOARD

In 2002 the Mason Planning Board completed nine hearings to create sixteen new lots.

Progress continues on the Master Plan project with reports being finalized by some of the committees. The Master Plan committee plan on holding several meetings throughout 2003 to discuss the completed reports.

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Millbrandt
Chairman

AUDITOR'S REPORT - 2001

I have audited all Town departments, budgeted or assigned financial responsibilities in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and their financial statements reflect an accurate assessment of the Town's financial position.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia A. Greene
Town Auditor

MASON POLICE DEPARTMENT

During the year 2002 the Mason Police Department responded to the following calls:

911 Hang Up: 11	Alarms: 42	Medical: 26
Animal: 62	Mutual Aid: 84	Burglary: 8
Welfare Check: 10	Civil Standby: 8	Criminal Trespass: 4
Criminal Mischief: 10	Disabled Vehicle: 19	Disorderly Conduct: 8
Domestic Dispute: 22	Illegal Narcotics: 7	DWI: 9
Fire Call: 7	Illegal Firearm: 12	Found Property: 7
Harassment: 12	House Check: 7	Illegal Dumping: 4
Juvenile: 12	MV Accidents: 65	Noise Complaint: 17
OHRV: 34	Op After Suspension: 11	Open Container: 7
Open Door: 5	Other: 40	Paperwork Service: 57
Police Information: 19	Public Service: 9	Public Works: 7
Resisting Arrest: 6	Road Obstruction: 10	Suspicious Person: 14
Suspicious Vehicle: 25	Theft: 12	VIN Verification: 12

The above statistics resulted in approximately 65 arrests, 30 summons to court in lieu of arrest and countless hours of time in mediation, investigation and court preparation.

The police department is attempting to purchase a 4x4 OHRV in order to more directly address the many noise and OHRV complaints that have been received on the Mason railroad bed and

other areas of town. Organizations within town are attempting to partially fund the purchase of the OHRV in an attempt to reduce the burden on you, the taxpayer. The town has received a grant from NH Fish & Game that will pay ALL officer salary and related cost for the enforcement of OHRV laws. If you should have any questions relative to OHRV laws, department policy on enforcement (OHRV's and Snowmobiles), or the funding of the OHRV please feel free to contact me at 878-1111 or 1-800-562-8201. As always, thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,
Barry G. Hutchins
Police Chief

MASON FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

This year Andrew Kakos came to me with an idea for his Eagle Scout project, which was to supply every household with 911 stickers for their phones. In an emergency, when every second counts, having the emergency number in front of you can greatly speed up the process of getting help on the way. Please take a minute to make sure they are on all of your phones, and that all of the family members are aware of how to call for help. When you see Andrew, thank him for a job well done. Also, to help emergency responders find your house, please post your house number where it can be seen from the road. This should preferably be lighted, or glow in the dark numbers. If you need more phone stickers, or your house number, contact the building inspector.

The pump has been replaced on the tanker. This brings this valuable piece of equipment back to 100% pump capacity.

As of January 1, 2003 the New Hampshire Departmental Services has outlawed residential burning of household trash. This means there will be no more backyard incinerators. If you have any questions please call D.E.S. at 603-271-2975 or 800-498-6868.

I would like to thank all the emergency service personnel for their dedication and help over the past year, and their families for allowing them the time to perform these duties. Also thanks to the other town departments and to the selectmen for their assistance during the year.

Remember that a written permit is needed for outside burning, when there is no snow cover. These may be obtained by calling our dispatch center on the non-emergency number, 1-800-562-8201. There is no charge for these permits.

2002 Calls

Auto Accidents	29	Wires Down	4
Brush Fire	5	Alarm Activation	5
Smoke in the House	2	Structure Fire	3
Chimney Fire	2	Controlled Burn	2

Ambulance Assist	2	Unknown Fire	1
Missing Person Search	1	Illegal Burn	2
Mutual Aid Given	10	Mutual Aid Received	5
Total number of calls	68	Total man-hours	1287
Training			
Total Number of Drills			
Total Training Man-hours	1414		

Respectfully submitted
David P. Cook
Fire Chief

MASON FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRST RESPONDERS

The Mason First Responders remained busy again this year responding to 18 motor vehicle accidents and several medical calls, totaling 68 collectively. At times we are called to respond to a scene involving serious or fatal injuries. Emergency workers are trained to handle many types of calls, but the more serious calls can leave quite an impact. We are fortunate to have formed and continued a relationship with Brookline Ambulance personnel and have access to resources from St. Joseph's Hospital and the Critical Incident Stress-Debriefing Team to aid us in dealing with the after effects of these emergencies. The support and positive responses from townspeople also help to keep the spirits up.

I would like to welcome Kathy Chapman and Ken Spacht to our roster. Our membership continues to remain quite steady and the continued dedication and involvement of our First Responders is to be applauded. Many thanks to the Mason Selectmen and Barbara Milkovits, both the Fire and Police departments, and the Brookline Ambulance Service, whose assistance has been invaluable.

As we move into the New Year, please remember to wear your seat belts. The few extra seconds it takes can help save a life, yours!

Respectfully submitted,
CherylGreenwood
First Responder Coordinator

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Income from land use change tax.....	\$22,580
2002 Budget.....	\$2,000 (\$1,244 returned to town)
Expenses	\$7,843 (\$185 RR Trail maint.)
Interest	\$495
Funds on hand 12/31/02	\$4,745 (Remaining from 1995 timber cut)
Railroad Trail Maintenance Fund 12/31/02	\$133
Land Protection Fund 12/31/02	\$38,532

In January the Commission reviewed Jones Crossing Subdivision Plans. Nicholas D'Arbeloff contacted Liz Fletcher to begin the process of creating a Conservation Easement on parcel E-2 (81.5 Acres).

In February the Commission opened bids for the survey of parcel E-2. The vote was unanimous to award the project to Robert Todd (\$5575 for total station survey). Discussions with Woody Fifield (564 acre Conservation Easement on parcel D-10) continued.

On March 11th a public hearing was held to announce the Commission's intention to expend a portion of its land acquisition funds for the survey of parcel E-2 in anticipation of the creation of a Conservation Easement. No objections were stated by any party present.

On April 3rd, a public hearing was held to announce the Commission's intention to expend a portion of its land acquisition funds for the survey of parcel D-10, in anticipation of the creation of a Conservation Easement. No objections were stated by any party present. It was unanimously voted to accept the bid of \$19,800 from Meridian Land Services for the performance of an aerial photo survey to determine property boundaries and topographic information.

In May Julie Carwellos attended the meeting to express concerns over the logging of lot K-40, 43 & 44. Bill Downs presented his ideas for creating foot trails on Commission land (B-17-1). The Commission expressed concern for possibility that OHRV's could damage the land if access were to be facilitated. A site walk was scheduled for June 22nd at 10 am.

In June Liz conducted a site walk on lot K-40 to inspect the damage caused by loggers crossing Mason Brook. Liz, Bob and Allen Foster laid out a 5-acre building lot on E-2 for possible exclusion from the Conservation Easement area. The Commission also noted the creation of a 60-acre conservation easement to annex a wetland on lot B-15-1. This was given as part of the Jones Crossing subdivision.

During the September meeting the Commission decided to apply for LCHIP funds to facilitate Woody Fifield's conservation easement project. Liz outlined Nick D'Arbeloff's plan to use a 7 acre floating building envelope exclusion from the Conservation Easement area on E-2. Marcia Osborn and Florence Roberts attended the Planning Board site walk of the proposed subdivision on lot K-40.

In October Joe McGuire presented his plan to replace the failed septic system on lot E-69.

Barry Hutchins attended the November meeting to ask for financial support for the purchase of an OHRV to patrol the RR bed. The commission unanimously agreed to give him \$2000. D'Arbeloff easement exclusion has grown to 31 acres. ATV track was mentioned by potential buyer. The Commission is concerned and wants to meet with potential buyer to discuss this.

Woody Fifield attended the December meeting to announce that the LCHIP submission had passed the first round. We await the final decision in February with optimism. Mike Goen presented his concerns about increasing ATV traffic on the RR Trail. The Commission discussed its options to deal with the OHRV problem.

Respectfully submitted,
Conservation Commission

REPORT OF THE MASON FORESTRY COMMITTEE

Over the past year the Mason Forestry committee has been more administrative activities as the result of decreased timber prices. A plan to conduct a timber inventory of town land is being formulated. Many of these parcels are ill defined and may require a formal survey to make them eligible for harvesting. There is considerable early regeneration of previously harvested stands, which are already benefiting wildlife as a food source. Individuals are encouraged to examine these areas to evaluate the benefits of sustainable forestry practices. Expenditures have been made for stumping and clearing a small portion of harvested land in preparation for the continuation of a Christmas tree planting project. Railroad bed maintenance was also subsidized by Forestry Committee funds. A warrant article will be offered to continue these activities as well as removal and replacement of hazardous trees on the town common. A total of \$1,689.00 was expended. Leaving a balance of \$65,896.74 with \$996.04 as interest earned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Forestry Committee

HOME HEALTHCARE and COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.
Report to the Town of Mason
January 1, 2002- December 31, 2002
Annual Report

In 2002, HCS - Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services continued to provide home care and community services to the residents of Mason. The following information represents a projection of HCS's activities in your community in 2002.

SERVICE REPORT

<u>Services Offered</u>	<u>Services Provided</u>
Nursing	10 Visits
Physical Therapy	9 Visits
Occupational Therapy	2 Visits
Homemaker	0 Hours
Home Health Aide	0 Visits

Prenatal care, hospice services and regularly scheduled wellness clinics and child health clinics are also available to residents. Town funding partially supports these services.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The actual cost of all services provided in 2002 with all funding sources is projected to be \$2,470.00.

These services have been supported to the greatest extent possible by Medicare, Medicaid, other insurances, grants, and patient fees. Services that were not covered by other funding have been supported by your town.

For 2002, we request an appropriation of \$1,500.00 to continue to meet the home care needs of Mason residents. Thank you for your consideration.



**Mason Public
Library**
16 Darling Hill Rd.
Mason NH 03048
878-3867 Telephone
878-6146 FAX
masonlib@monad.net

Hours
Tuesday and Thursday 1-8P
Wednesday 9A-5P
Saturday 1-4P
All year!!!

**<http://www.personal.monad.net/~masonlib>
Annual Report**

The Library staff and trustees have spent 2002 examining the important role of our library in this community. We see ourselves as providing a vital educational, informational and cultural link to the community. Through our exploration of your needs we have added more programming and made necessary changes to existing programs. A record number of programs (107) for children, adults and families produced a record number of participants (946).

We have completely overhauled the Summer Reading Program to include weekly crafting projects. PreSchool Storytime was modified to incorporate the growing number of younger children in attendance. Some weeks there were as many as 20 youngsters and parents/caregivers participating in the stories, songs, and crafts. The Adult Programs of Craft Night and Book Discussion boasted a loyal following. We offered our traditional events such as our Poetry Contest and Annual Tea, Book and Bake Sale, Raffle and Individual Computer Skills Training.

We have expanded our community connections to include visits to the library by Young Child s Creative Workshop (Mason) and Playmore Preschool (Townsend) as well as the weekly visits by the Mascenic Integrated Preschool and Mason Elementary School.

Our Adult Room was named for James and Anna Rowse, in celebration of their 70th Anniversary and timeless support of our Library.

The library will continue to provide community access to the internet, FAX service, new video and DVD selections from the Hillstown Coop, Inter-Library Loan. This year have added a new source for searching full text journal, magazine and newspaper articles through EBSCO host and a source of genealogy research with Ancestry Plus. With funds available from fines/fees and fundraising, we purchased a new HP Laser Printer/Copier/Scanner.

In 2003 we plan to continue with the programs and services that have been successful. We appreciate feedback from our patrons and strive to make positive changes to better serve our community.

This is your public library. Visit, borrow, participate, donate, and volunteer!

Respectfully,

Lynn McCann
Linda Lamy
Jenny Scholl
Library Trustees

Mason Public Library Financial Report for 2002

Library Checking Account

Granite Bank - Beginning Balance - January 1, 2002 (adjusted for 1 outstanding check)	5434.89
Granite Bank - Ending Balance - December 31, 2002	4973.06

Receipts

Town Budget – total amount budgeted to library for 2002	30470.00
Donations	100.00
Fundraising (Book Sales, Bake Sale, Raffle, Poetry Contest)	528.40
Whitacker-Locke Trust Fund Interest	513.00
Fees and Fines (overdue books, copies from printer, FAX, lost books)	265.55
Checking Account Interest	13.63
TOTAL	31890.58

Expenditures

Salaries	22457.33
Payroll Tax	1717.98
Workers Comp	59.66
Dues and Fees	285.00
Continuing Education	300.00
Postage	200.00
Programming (139.24 from Town Budget + 287.47 from Library Checking Account)	426.71
Supplies (406.75 from Town Budget + 184.00 from Library Account)	590.75
Equipment (new laser printer/copier/scanner with funds from Library Chk. Account)	591.22
Telephone	1215.96
Travel	259.80
Internet Access	176.00
Books, Magazines and Software (2799.45 from Town Budget + 643.72 from Donations, Whitacker-Locke Interest, and Fines/Fees)	3443.17
TOTAL	31723.58
Return to Town General Fund – appropriations not used	628.83

Other Accounts held by the Library

Barclay Investment (Technology) – December 31, 2002 – end balance	4575.32
Granite Bank – CD – In Memory of Pam Steinberg – (\$1000.00 principle) – December 31, 2002	1052.16

Library Statistics for 2002	Catalogued Books	Paperbacks	Audios	Videos
	2001/2002	2001/2002	2001/2002	2001/2002
Added to Collection	511/487	186/187	67/6	83/34
Added by Donation	277/194	165/142	63/6	83/34
Added by Purchase	234/293	21/25	4/0	0/0
Lost or Withdrawn	333/297	112/267	19/6	94/15
Total Collection	9879/10045	1187/1107	282/282	529/548
Total Borrowers	747/795	Total Items Borrowed		8468/8795
Programs	64/107	ILL: Borrowed		313/340
Program Participants	650/946	ILL: Lent		176/74
Computer Use	176/360			

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

There have been forty-nine (49) Building Permits issued during 2002. They were issued for the following (and the total valuation is also listed):

18	Permanent Dwelling	\$1,637,498
6	Additions to Home	83,591
9	Porch /Deck Additions to Home	49,517
1	Garage Addition to Home	3,159
4	Garages	38,745
7	Barns	57,628
3	Barn Additions	13,141
3	Sheds	11,440
4	Electrical Service	12,000
4	Septic Repair	<u>12,000</u>
		\$1,905,578

Of the eighteen permanent dwellings, three were renewal permits. Of the three sheds, one was a renewal permit. There have been ten Oil Burner Permits issued. A permit is required for installing and operating oil-burning equipment that includes replacement oil burners and/or oil tanks.

Some residents do not understand when a Building Permit is required. Please refer to the Town of Mason Planning Ordinance, Article VII. I will be happy to help with any questions.

The House and Waterhole Numbering System is continually being updated and new numbers issued. It would be beneficial if all residents would use their correct house numbers and post your numbers using three-inch high reflective numbers, facing both directions.

I hold Office Hours at the Mann House on Tuesday evenings by appointment. Please call 878-2894 for your appointment.

I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen for presenting me with a plaque for thirty-five years of service to the Town of Mason.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth B. Wilson
Building Inspector

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY TRUSTEES

The year 2002 was busy with the regular maintenance of the cemeteries in Mason. The fence on Pratt Annex Cemetery was painted. Because of the late falling of the leaves and the early falling of the snow, we were not able to complete our annual fall cleanup. This will require more work in the year 2003.

We are asking the town, in a warrant article, to purchase a new riding lawnmower to replace the one we have used for seven years (about 800 hours). The old one is in need of repairs, but is still good enough to be worth some trade-in value.

There are now no lots for sale in Pleasant View, Pratt, Pratt Annex, or Pole Hill Cemeteries. Lots are now available for sale in the new section of Prospect Hill. Contact Wallace Brown, Sexton, at 878-1481 to purchase a lot.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur Rafter
Wallace Brown
Robert Larochelle
Cemetery Trustees



DEATHS and/or BURIALS in the TOWN of MASON for the year ending December 31, 2002

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>	<u>Parents' Names</u>
Jan. 1	Rosalee Cady	Peterborough	Leo Moses Hattie Call
Jan. 10	Helvi L. Murto	Nashua	Hjalmar Lehtonen Lempi Johnson
Jan. 22	Hildajune O'Neill	Nashua	Joshua Cole Amanda Schmelyun
Apr. 8	Ralph L. Chandler	Mason	Harvey Chandler Georgia Levesque
June 10	Helen M. Palumbo	Fitchburg, MA	
June 18	Harriet West	Hudson	
Sept. 7	Jason A. Jodoin	Milford	Richard Jodoin Susan Martin
Sept. 7	Ronald A. Wells II	Mason	Ronald A. Wells, Sr. Bonnie Morse
Sept. 10	Ralph F. Tibbetts	Merrimack	Royal Tibbetts Susan Findlay
Nov. 10	Evelyn M. Cook	Nashua	Antonio Pellegrino

Nov. 10

George W. Cook

Milford

Santa
George Cook
Ella Brooks

MARRIAGES REGISTERED in the TOWN of MASON
for the year ending December 31, 2002

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Residence</u>
May 11	Eric R. Pierce	Ashby, MA
	Andrea C. Kretzschmar	Ashby, MA
June 8	Roy E. Lundstedt	Mason
	Maureen P. Richardson	Mason
June 8	William J. Gaipo	Mason
	Kimberly E. Hall	Mason
June 15	Norman L. Smith	Mason
	Divina A. DaSilva	Lowell, MA
July 28	Wesley F. Greig	Mason
	Donna L. Bastable	Mason
Aug. 10	Christopher D. Beers	Ithaca, NY
	Melissa A. Mason	Ithaca, NY
Aug. 17	Kevin S. Rush	Mason
	Tammie L. Foster	Mason
Aug. 24	Jon R. Starr	Mason
	Robin C. Richards	Peterborough
Aug. 31	Craig E. Rautiola	New Ipswich
	Rorie B. Dwire	Mason
Sept. 6	Jonathan R. Whitby	Mason
	Berle E. Ross	Mason
Sept. 28	Jason E. Pearson	Mason
	Erin H. Jernberg	Mason
Oct. 26	Edward L. Munroe	Mason
	Jennifer A. Pizzi	Nashua

BIRTHS in the TOWN of MASON
for the year ending December 31, 2002

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Jan. 1	Nathaniel Richard Addonizio	Nashua	Richard Addonizio Lynda Addonizio
Jan. 6	Holly Ann Sirois	Mason	Mark Sirois Kelly Sirois
Jan. 29	James John Blais	Peterborough	James Blais Carly Blais
Mar. 4	Renee Louise Alton	Nashua	Paul Alton Michelle Alton
May 17	Jeremy Peter Carrier	Nashua	Peter Carrier Danielle Carrier
May 19	Mason Vaclav McDonald	Nashua	Mark McDonald

May 23	Anton Jakob Stroms	Nashua	Mary McDonald Marc Stroms Theresa Stroms
July 23	Hugh Joseph Crory	Nashua	James Crory Jean Crory
July 23	Maryjo Katherine Crory	Nashua	James Crory Jean Crory
Oct. 7	Jenna Marie Brackett	Nashua	Mark Brackett Nicole Brackett
Oct. 7	Matthew James Brackett	Nashua	Mark Brackett Nicole Brackett
Oct. 24	Liam Jacob Daly	Nashua	Michael Daly Louise Daly
Nov. 1	Jackson McCaffrey Clark	Nashua	Rodney Clark Christine McCaffery Clark
Nov. 28	Julia Catherine Greer	Nashua	Thomas Greer Jennifer Greer



TOWN ELECTION MARCH 12, 2002 TOWN MEETING MARCH 13, 2002

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Catherine Schwenk. Polls were declared open at 11:02 A.M. Checklist total was 667. Polls were closed at 7:08 P.M. after 230 had voted. This included 2 absentee voters. Checklist total was now 682.

Results of the election were as follows:

Selectman for 3 years: Anne Richards 201
 Moderator for 2 years: Catherine Schwenk 202
 Town Clerk for 3 years: Charlotte N. Hastings 215
 Tax Collector for 3 years: Charlotte N. Hastings 213
 Town Treasurer for 3 years: Susan Wagoner (Write-ins) 16
 Auditor for 1 year: Patricia A. Greene 206
 Supervisor of the Checklist for 6 years: Joan Losee 218
 Library Trustee for 3 years: Linda Lamy 214
 Trustee of Cemeteries for 3 years: Arthur Rafter (Write-ins) 19
 Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years: Robert Robb 209
 Trustee of Trust Funds for 2 years: no one elected

The Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator Catherine Schwenk at 7:38 P.M. She reviewed the procedure we would follow. Note was made of the fire and emergency exits. Thanks were expressed to all whom were involved in the election process. She introduced those who were sitting at the head table. Note was made of three long time residents who had passed away this past year, Cedric Valentine, George Cook and James Graham.
 Corrections to the Town Report were as follows: Page 5, Robert Robb's term expired 2002. Page 38, Article 7 should be 11 windows. Page 39, Article 7 should be 8 windows.

Cadet Troop # 2615 presented the colors. Kelly Brigham led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Honor guards were Laura Demanche and Caitlin Rollo.

Mr. Richard Eaton brought greetings from the legislature. He mentioned that this may be his last year as our representative, if the new redistricting goes through.

A motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the Warrant. There were 86 registered voters present and 3 non-voters.

Article 2. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine hundred twenty-three thousand twenty dollars (\$923,020) which represents the operating budget. Said sum is exclusive of all Special or Individual Articles addressed.

Changes were as follows to the Town Budget. A motion was made and seconded to increase the Moderator's fees to \$400. On page 15, the interest on tax notes was decreased to \$14,000. It was suggested that a new heading be added for Town Common expenses.

Article 2. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine hundred twelve thousand two hundred twenty dollars (\$912,220) which represents the operating budget. Said sum is exclusive of all Special or Individual Articles addressed. This included the changes noted above. The vote was unanimous.

Article 3. The Town voted to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of reconstructing paved roads, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) to be placed in this fund, and furthermore to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. The vote was unanimous.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established, or take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made and seconded to postpone this article indefinitely. This motion passed and the vote was unanimous. Road Agent David Cook explained that they are looking into leasing a truck instead.

Article 5. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-seven thousand dollars (\$27,000) to replace the present underground gasoline and diesel tanks at the Highway Department. The vote was unanimous.

Article 6. The Town voted to ratify and affirm the authority of the Selectmen to enter into that three year lease agreement, for the purpose of leasing a police cruiser for the Police Department, total cost of the new cruiser will be Twenty-eight thousand two hundred twenty-three dollars (\$28,223), and to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine thousand four hundred and eight dollars (\$9,408) for the first year's payment of the lease and four thousand nine hundred dollars (\$4,900) for the cost of equipping the new cruiser, appropriating a total of fourteen thousand three hundred eight dollars (\$14,308). The vote was unanimous.

Article 7. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) to replace the fire pump and PTO on the tanker. The vote was unanimous.

Article 8. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Library Building Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

Article 9. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of One thousand seven hundred dollars (\$1,700) for the purchase of a copier for the town office.

Article 10. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of One thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) for the expenses incurred in the process of updating the Master Plan. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7 and will not lapse until the update is completed or by December 31, 2003, whichever is sooner. The vote was unanimous.

Article 11. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Six hundred fifty-one dollars (\$651) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established and to authorize the use/transfer from December 31, 2001 Fund balance of that amount received from the 2001 sale of surplus Highway Department equipment for this purpose. The vote was unanimous.

Article 12. The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Two hundred thirty-three dollars and thirty-four cents (\$233.34) to be added to the Cemetery Land Improvement Trust Fund previously established and to authorize the use/transfer from December 31, 2001 Fund balance of that amount received from the 2001 sale of cemetery lots for this purpose. The vote was unanimous.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to deposit fifty- percent (50%) of the revenues collected pursuant to RSA 79-A (the land use change tax) in the Land Protection Conservation Fund in accordance with RSA 36-A: 5 III as authorized by RSA 79-A: 25 II. (The land use change tax comes from property taken out of Current Use taxation for development or other non-conservation purposes.) This article was previously voted at 100% of the deposit of the revenues, at the March 2000 Town Meeting.

This article failed to pass.

There was some confusion about this article. If it had failed would Article 16 voted in at the March 15, 2000 Town Meeting, still be in effect. A long discussion was held in favor of retaining the full amount of the Land Use Change Tax in the Land Protection Conservation Fund. It was stressed that the Selectmen should check into the status of the March 15, 2000 vote of Article 16.

Article 14. The Town voted to authorize the Selectmen and the Road Agent to sell or dispose of surplus equipment from the Highway Department. The vote was unanimous.

Article 15. The Town voted to authorize the Selectmen and the Fire Chief to sell or dispose of surplus equipment from the Fire Department. The vote was unanimous.

Note was made that the Forestry Committee had not submitted a report.

More discussion was held on keeping the rural nature of Mason.

The Meeting was adjourned sine dai at 8:58 P.M.

Charlotte N. Hastings Town Clerk

STATE GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 5, 2002

Moderator Catherine Schwenk reviewed the voting procedures. Polls were declared open at 11:06 am and were closed at 7:10 pm after 520 had voted. This included 27 absentee ballots.

Checklist total is 698, with 33 having registered on voting day. Turn out was 74%.

Results were as follows:

Governor:	Benson	109	U.S. Senator:	Sununu	273
	Fernald	187		Shaheen	226
	Babiarz	25		Blevens	19
Congressman:	Bass	309	Exec. Councilor:	Wheeler	288
	Swett	193		Blaisdell	194
	Babiarz	10			
State Senator:	O'Hearn	326	State Rep.:	Arnold	259
	Bergeron	157		Drisko	237
				Gargas	245
				Haytahn	229
				Hall	219
				Helfman	154
				Hildreth	183
				Mueller	152

County office results are on record at the Secretary of State's Office.

Constitutional Questions:

Question # 1:	274 Yes	169 No
Question # 2:	196 Yes	255 No

Charlotte N. Hastings, Town Clerk

STATE PRIMARY ELECTION SEPTEMBER 10, 2002

Meeting was called to order by Moderator Catherine Schwenk. She made a few announcements and the polls were declared open at 11:05 am. Checklist total was 673, which included 216 Republicans, 112 Democrats, 345 undeclared. Polls were closed at 7:06 pm after 240 had voted. This included 7 absentee voters. New total was 678. 280 Republicans, 137 Democrats, and 261 undeclared.

Results were as follows:

	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Democrats</u>
Governor:	Kingsbury 0	Hollingsworth 19
	Kroepel 2	Fernald 44
	Benson 54	
	Haas 2	
	Humphrey 61	
	Keough 50	
Congressman:	Douglass 22	Jackman 13
	Bass 145	Swett 45
	7	
U.S. Senator:	Sununu 9	Shaheen 51
	Smith 87	
	Stremsky 8	
Exec. Councilor:	Wheeler 121	Blaisdell 53
State Senate:	O'Hearn 94	Bergeron 58
	Enright 68	

Rep. District 46:	Arnold	103	Hall	55
	Drisko	57	Helfman	47
	Gargas	60	Mueller	38
	Haytayan	51		
	Kulak	68		
	Stawasz	89		

County office results are on record at the Secretary of State's Office.
Charlotte N. Hastings, Town Clerk

Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands cooperate and coordinate to reduce the risk of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ALL outside burning. Fire permits are mandatory for all outside burning unless the ground where the burning is to be done (and surrounding areas) is completely covered with snow. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail, plus suppression cost.

A new law effective January 1, 2003 prohibits residential trash burning (RSA 125-N). Contact New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services at (800) 498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information

Help us to protect you and our forest resources. Most New Hampshire wildfires are human caused. Homeowners can help protect their homes by maintaining adequate green space around the house and make sure that the house number is correct and visible. Contact your fire department or the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands at www.nhdfi.org or 271-2217 for wildland fire safety information.

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRES

(All fires reported through November 10, 2002)

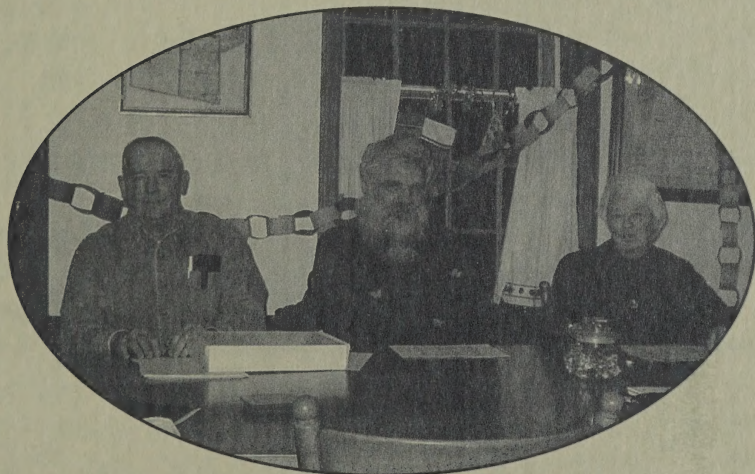
2002 FIRE STATISTICS

	<u># of Fires</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Hillsborough	108	54.5



Charlotte Hastings honored for 20 years as Town Clerk/Tax Collector
for the Town of Mason

Kenneth B. Wilson honored for 35 yers as Building Inspector
for the Town of Mason



Selectmen, left to right: Kenneth Greene, Wolfgang Millbrandt, and
Chairman Anne (Nancy) Richards

Photo courtesy Barbara Milkovits

1802 History Highlights

Moderator	Timothy Dakin
Town Clerk	John Blodgett
Treasurer	Selectmen
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	Joses Bucknam
	Artemus Manning
Representative:	Col. James Wood

Deaths: 19 Men - 6 Women - 6 Children - 7 (infants) Over 70 - 1

All the above information was taken from the **Town History - 1749 to 1858** by John B. Hill.

Bounties - \$2 per head for Wildcats 17 cents for Crows

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